

- (i) one client sending a message to another;
- (ii) one client successfully receiving a message sent from another;
- (iii) one checking the activity status of another user(s); and
- (iv) other activities, involving the IM server system, that can be detected by computer and electronic methods.

4. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said computer network is the internet and/or any direct electronic link.

5. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said client types connected to the computer network via the GSM network and SMS capability and are initially connected to the computer network via an SMSC server to control and manage said SMS therebetween, said SMSC server and said IM server being directly interconnected via said computer network, and wherein said SMSC server provides an indication to said monitoring means of the activity of targeted recipient GSM clients in response to messages sent to the SMSC server for delivery thereto by said IM server.

REMARKS

The presentation of a clean set of claims is permitted under new rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(3), effective November 7, 2000. An amended form of claims 3-5 is attached for the Examiner's convenience pursuant to new rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(ii). No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.